

Amari and the Night Brothers by B. B. Alston
Amari Peters has never believed that her missing brother is dead. So when the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs offers her a tryout she does not hesitate to accept. Will Amari be able to locate her brother as she faces new worlds, strange creatures, and daunting new tasks?

Thirteen Witches: The Memory Thief by Jodi Lynn Anderson
Rosie's mother never really pays much attention to her. She just sits in the attic, finishes her work, and sleeps. Rosie has always taken care of herself, but she longs for her mother's love and attention. When she learns her mother is cursed by an evil witch, she vows to defeat the witch and free her mother's memories.

The In-Between by Rebecca K. S. Ansari
Cooper's life makes him angry. The strange girl who moved in next door isn't helping. All she does is stare at him all the time. When his sister shows him pictures of unidentified children who have died in historical disasters, he realizes they are all wearing the same jacket as his new neighbor. Will disaster follow her to Cooper's neighborhood?

Letters from Cuba by Ruth Behar
Esther and her mother flee Poland as Hitler's army marches on Poland. They leave everyone behind while they work in Cuba to make money for the rest of the family's escape. Esther details their new life in a series of letters to her younger sister back in Poland.

The Blackbird Girls by Anne Blankman
Oksana often bullies Valentina because of her Jewish heritage. Both of their fathers are working at Chernobyl when the nuclear power plant melts down. In 1941 Rifka is on her own journey fleeing a Nazi invasion and hiding the truth of her Jewish identity. All three girls must rely on unexpected allies and their inner strength to survive.

City of the Plague God by Sarwat Chadda
Sik's world is turned upside down when Nergal, the god of plagues, shows up demanding the key to eternal life. It turns out the characters from the *Epic of Gilgamesh* are real, and Nergal is going to destroy the city unless Sik and his new friend Belet can stop him.

Scritch Scratch by Lindsay Currie
Claire has always been embarrassed by her dad's ghost tours. She is a scientist who believes in things you can prove. When she has to help her dad run the tour one night, everything changes. She sees a ghost who then follows her home. Now she is being haunted, and the only way to save herself is to solve the mystery of the ghost's death.

Starfish by Lisa Fipps
Ellie's best friend moved during the summer. Now she will have to face her bullies alone who torment her about her weight alone. Ellie meets her new neighbor Catalina and they quickly become friends. Catalina's whole family accepts Ellie as she is without a single comment about her weight. This is unexpectedly painful for Ellie since her own mother is one of her worst bullies.

Alone by Megan E Freeman
Maddie tells each of her parents she is staying at the other's house and makes plans to meet her friends elsewhere. No one shows up and she spends the night alone. When she wakes up the town is empty, and there are signs of an evacuation everywhere. Now she is alone, and she will have to figure out how to survive on her own with no parents, no electricity, and no idea if she will ever be rescued.

When Life Gives You Mangos by Kereen Getten
Clara loves life on her small Caribbean island, but things haven't been right lately. She has no memory of anything that happened last summer. Also, her best friend and cousin, Gayna, just wants to flirt with boys and treat Clara like a baby. What really happened last summer, and what does it have to do with Clara's friendship with Gayna?

Ground Zero by Alan Gratz
Brandon is trapped in an elevator with a group of strangers when an air-plane hits the World Trade Center. His father is on the top floor, and he doesn't know how to find him. Now he will have to face multiple dangers as he tries to survive the disaster. Eighteen years later, Rashmina is in a struggle of her own as war ravages her Afghan village. Then she puts her village at risk when she saves a wounded American soldier.

Hide and Seeker by Daka Hermon
Zee was missing for a year, and now that he's back, he's not himself. He seems haunted by things he won't talk about. Justin and Zee's other friends play a game of hide and seek at his welcome home party, and things go terribly wrong. One by one, the kids disappear, claimed by a creature called the Seeker. Now they are trapped in a nightmare world where they are forced to relive their worst fears.

Lupe Wong Won't Dance by Donna Barba Higuera
Lupe loves baseball. Her goal is to become the first female pitcher in the MLB. Even when everything else is going wrong she can always count on sports and her PE class. Then her worst nightmare comes true when her coach announces they will soon learn to square dance. PE has always been her refuge, and now she will do anything to avoid it!

When the World Was Ours by Liz Kessler
Leo, Max, and Elsa are best friends in Austria in 1936, but when Hitler's army invades, their lives go in very different directions. The three friends are quickly separated. Leo and Elsa are Jewish, and their families are focused on surviving. Max's father is a rising star in the Nazi party, and his rhetoric of hatred soon begins to take root in Max's mind.

The Last Fallen Star by Graci Kim
Because she is adopted, Riley can't perform magic like the rest of her family. They are part of the Gom clan of healers. She's learned all the healing spells, but she has no magical ability. When her sister, Hattie, tries a spell to share her magical ability with Riley, things go horribly wrong. They have violated the laws of the Godrealm, and now Riley will have to find the last fallen star or lose her sister forever.

Thanks a Lot, Universe by Chad Lucas
Brian's anxiety intensifies when his father leaves to avoid being arrested. His mother is hospitalized for depression, and Brian and his brother go into foster care. Ezra and Brian aren't best friends, but they play basketball together, and Ezra can tell something is wrong. When Brian and his little brother disappear, Ezra is the only one who can find them.

Ten Thousand Tries by Amy Makeecknie
Golden is convinced he can become perfect at anything if he practices 10,000 times. That's how he's going to become a soccer star like his idol Messi. His father used to be a professional soccer player, too, but now his ALS diagnosis is taking all his skills away. Golden thinks if his dad just keeps trying, he can beat an incurable disease.

From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks
When Zoe finds a letter from her father on her birthday, it seems like a sign. She's never met Marcus, and her mother refuses to talk about him because he's in prison. Zoe decides to write back in secret, and Marcus tells her he is innocent. Should she believe him?

Glitch by Laura Martin
Regan and Elliot have always been rivals. They both have the time travel gene and are training to become Glitchers. Regan is the daughter of the head of the agency, and Elliot is a prodigy. They are in constant competition until Regan's future self violates a major rule by sending a letter into the past. Now Regan and Elliot will have to team up and break all the rules or the future will be lost.

Millionaires for the Month

by Stacy McAnulty

When Benji & Felix find a wallet belonging to a tech billionaire, they think she won't notice if they "borrow" \$20 before returning it. She does. That's when she makes a deal with them. If they can spend five million dollars in a month, she will give them each ten million to keep. Of course, there are rules; no buying real estate, no investing the money, and no giving it away. Oh, and they can't tell anyone, not even their parents!

Curses

by Lish McBride

When Merit refuses to marry the much older man her mother has chosen for her, a fairy curses her into the form of a beast. If she doesn't marry someone her mother approves of by her eighteenth birthday, she will be a beast forever and lose her humanity. Tevin is a con artist who is used to getting out of trouble. When his parents face a harsh punishment, he offers his services in exchange for their freedom. He will investigate all Merit's potential suitors to find the one who can meet her mother's and her own approval.

Gone to the Woods: Surviving a Lost Childhood

by Gary Paulsen

The boy knows what it is like to be alone. His father is gone to war, and his mother only uses him to get attention from other men. When he is sent to live with an aunt and uncle in the Canadian wilderness, he finally finds love and acceptance. He also learns to love and appreciate nature, but his time there is brief, and he will face many other trials as he grows up. But he will never lose his love of the woods.

Time Villains

by Victor Piñeiro

Everyone at Javi's school has the same homework assignment at some point: write about the three people you would invite to dinner and prepare a meal for them. It's an interesting assignment that takes a wild turn when Javi's antique dining table actually brings his guests to the present. Now Blackbeard the Pirate is loose in the present, and Javi and his friends don't know how to stop him.

The Great Destroyers

by Caroline Tung Richmond

In this alternate history, nuclear bombs were never invented. Instead, nations rely on mechas, giant robotic suits of armor, to fight their wars. The mechas helped to end WWII, but now the Cold War is going strong. Jo loves mecha fighting, and her last-minute substitution in the Pax Games is a dream come true. Fighting in this international competition is not what she thought it would be. Participants have been poisoned, and the evidence points to Jo. Can she stay alive long enough to win the games and prove her innocence?

CeCe Rios and the Desert of Souls

by Kaela Rivera

CeCe's desert village is surrounded by criaturas, dangerous magical creatures. Brujas are the only people who consort with spirits by trapping and controlling them, and bruja is a crime. When her older sister is kidnapped by El Sombrerón, a powerful dark spirit, CeCe must become a bruja herself in order to save her sister from the evil criatura.

Hold Back the Tide

by Melinda Salisbury

Everyone knows Alva's father murdered her mother. Alva saw him fire the gun, but no one can prove it. That's why she's been saving every penny she can to move away and begin a new life. She's tired of living in fear and of the judgmental stares from the people in the village. She is on the verge of leaving when a scream rips through the night and changes everything she thought she knew.

Bump

by Matt Wallace

MJ has been struggling since her father died. She even quit gymnastics because the other girls bullied her all the time, but her mother doesn't understand why she would give up something she has a talent for. The only thing she is interested in is watching Lucha Dominion videos. Her mom doesn't get why she would be so interested in a "fake" sport. When MJ discovers her new neighbor actually owns a wrestling school, her mission is to join the school and become a luchador.

The Shape of Thunder

by Jasmine Warga

Cora and Quinn have always been best friends, but everything changes the day Quinn's older brother takes a gun to school. Now both of their siblings are gone, and their friendship is over. Quinn has an idea for how she can fix everything, but she will need Cora's logical mind to make it happen. Can they really go back in time and stop the disaster from happening?

Turtle Boy

by M. Evan Wolkenstein

7th grade is a disaster. Kids at school call Will "turtle boy" because his facial deformity and his love of turtles. Will is also supposed to visit the hospital as a service requirement leading up to his bar mitzvah. He hates hospitals since his dad died unexpectedly there. But when he meets RJ, Will's life begins to change.

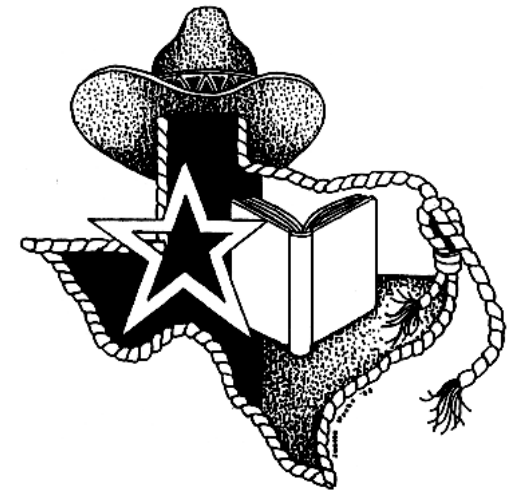
A Taste For Love

by Jennifer Yen

Liza feels like she will always be a disappointment to her mother. She'll never be as good as her older sister, and her mother hates anyone Liza wants to date. Every year her parents' Chinese bakery hosts a baking competition. She's mortified when she learns her mother has turned the whole thing into a dating competition where the prize is a date with Liza.



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